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Generall Fairfax's

LETTER

TO

THE HONORABLE,

William Lenthall Esquire,

Speaker of the Honorable House
of COMMONS.

Concerning the storming and taking
of *Tiverton* Castle and Church.

Together with a perfect List of the Commanders and
Souldiers that were taken Prisoners.

Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That this
Letter and List be forthwith printed and published:

H: Elfyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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the Honorable House of Commons, Octob. 25. 1645.





*Generall Fairfax's Letter to the Honorable
VVilliam Lenthall Esq; Speaker of the
Honorable House of Commons.*

MR. SPEAKER,

SInce the Army came further VVest,
I have not given you an account of
the motions thereof: The Treasure no
sooner came to the Army, (of which
there was great want) but we marched
towards the Enemy, whose intention was
(as we received Intelligence) to attempt
to break thorough with Two thousand
horse to *Oxford*, to joyn with the Forces
there; For prevention whereof, I sent
Letters to the severall counties, to raise
the power of the county, to give inter-
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ruption to his march, by making good the passes : That day that part of the Army marched to *Axminster*, the Enemy with two thousand horse marched over *Blackdown*, and through the darknesse of the night, passed by our Guards, and fell into the quarters of our Dragoons, and took about fifty prisoners, and returned immediately, their intention then being to make their way through, as some of their officers, who since came in unto me, do confesse : The whole Army marched that day after the Enemy to *Hunington*, the horse quartering in the field all night, to prevent a second attempt of the Enemy to march Eastward; and next day the Army marched to *Columpton*, and the Enemy over the River *Ex*, whereupon I caused part of the Army to be quartered along that River, within three

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or four miles of *Exeter*, the better to prevent the Enemies return ; and with the rest of the Army I marched to *Tiverton*, whither Major Generall *Massey* was sent before with the Regiments with Colonel *Welden*, who found the Governour resolved to hold out ; whereupon (after consultation) the storming of that place was agreed on ; (the season of the year not admitting of much time to be spent about it) and yesterday being the Lords day, after forenoon Sermon, a Councell of VVar being called to order the manner of the Storm : The Canonier, with a great shot broke the chain of the draw-Bridge, whereby it fell down, and the Souldiers immediately entred, and got over the works, with little opposition : The Enemy fled into the Castle and Church for their security, where they had

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had quarter for their lives: Colcnell Sir *Gilbert Talbot*, and about Two hundred more were taken prisoners; wee found four peece of Ordnance, and thirty Barrells of Powder; the works were very strong and regular as I have seen: This Garrison will be of great use, both in order to the straitning of *Exeter*, and of securing any thing for this Army whilest it stayes in the VVest.

This day the Army moves towards the Enemy westward, in order to the reduction of these parts; desiring you that care may be taken the Army be seasonably supplied with Moneys, being in a country that is much wasted and impoverished, by the Enemies quartering so long upon them. I remain, Sir,

Tiverton, Octo.
20. 1645.

Your humble Servant,
T: Fairfax.

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Prisoners of war, taken at *Tiverton* on
Sunday, *Octob. 19. 1645.*

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| S ir Gilbert Talbot, govern: | <i>VVill: Sharp</i> , Letter carrier. |
| Major George Sadler. | Ensign <i>Fran: Skidmore.</i> |
| Major <i>Cos: Moneuche.</i> | Ensign <i>Iohn Martine.</i> |
| Major <i>Wilks.</i> | Ensign <i>Fran: VVilks.</i> |
| Major <i>Pain.</i> | Ensign <i>Pollard.</i> |
| Captain <i>William Sturgion.</i> | Ensign <i>Davis.</i> |
| Mr. <i>Thomas Whitby.</i> | Ensign <i>Keery.</i> |
| Cap. <i>Markas Whitby.</i> | Serjeant <i>Nich: Collins.</i> |
| Cap. <i>William Whitby.</i> | Serjeant <i>Rownsell.</i> |
| Cap. <i>Edward Kemp.</i> | Serjeant <i>Tho: Nicholls.</i> |
| Cap. <i>Richard Phillips.</i> | Serjeant <i>Giles Ieffery.</i> |
| Cap. <i>Richard Mattock.</i> | Serjeant <i>Tobias Hickman.</i> |
| Lieutenant <i>Tho: Sadler.</i> | |
| Lieut. <i>Hanniball VVestcott.</i> | One hundred sixty eight |
| Lieut. <i>Tho: VVhitby.</i> | common Souldiers. |
| Lieut. <i>Tho: Sibley.</i> | Twentie came over the |
| Lieut. <i>Fra: Moneuch.</i> | works. |
| Lieut. <i>Io: Hawks.</i> | One Spy taken with a Let- |
| Lieut. <i>Eveley.</i> | ter. |
| <i>Nich: Kemp.</i> | One Mr. <i>Kemp</i> a Minister, a |
| <i>Rich: Mutifin</i> , servant. | grand Malignant. |

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